# THE THIRTEENTH

Anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. Celebrated Sunday Afternoon

WITH ELABORATE EXERCISES

AT THE OPERA HOUSE, IN THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE AUDI-ENCE-ADDRESSES MADE BY REV. N. S. THOMAS AND EVAN-GELIST HENRY OSTROM-SEC-RETARY LYNCH'S ANNUAL RE-PORT CONTAINED SOME INTER-ESTING INFORMATION - A SPLENDID PROGRAMME THROUGHOUT.

The Y. M. C. A. celebrated its thir-teenth anniversary yesterday afternoon with elaborate exercises at the Opera House, which was packed with the members and friends of the association. The exercises were very interesting, and were attentively listened to. In addition to several splendid addresses, there was a good programme of music, but the most important feature was the annual report of General Secretary J. C. Lynch. President Myron Hubbard presided,

and scated on the stage were several local clergymen, including Rev. Dr. Cunningham, of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. N. S. Thomas, rector of St. Matthew's P. E. church, Rev. Samuel Schwarm, of the English Lutheran church, Rev. C. B. Graham and Rev. B. B. Evans, of North street and Zane street M. E. churches, together with Evangelists Ostrom and Hillis, and the board of directors of the association special choir and the Wheeling Amateur Orchestra also occupied seats on the stage. The programme, which opened at 3:30 o'clock, concluded about 5:30 O'clock

oclock.

The exercises opened by the congregational singing of the hynm, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which the invocation was made by Rev. Dr. Cunningham, who prayed carnestly for future blessings on the Y. M. C. A. The audience joined in singing another hymn. General Secretary J. C. Lynch then submitted his annual report. Said Mr. Lynch:

The Young Men's Christian Association has now entered upon its fourteenth year. According to custom, the report of the general secretary is submitted as a part of the anniversary exercises. It

a part of the anniversary exercises. It will be the purpose of the present report, to undertake to answer a very natural will be the purpose of the present report, to undertake to answer 4 very natural and a very practical question, one which any friend or contributor of the association would be likely to ask, Does the association pay? This question was recently asked of one of our active members by a liberal supporter of the association. The active member, of course, said it did, and happily thought of some facts that had but a short time before been brought to his attention and cited them as a reason of the hope that was in him. But the friend who had asked the question, like many another who gives money to be dispensed by others, had not been often enough about the association or close enough in touch with the details of the work, to form an opinion from direct knowledge.

Does the association pay, then? If you mean in cash, the answer is No; If you mean in Christian character, the unswer is Yes.

The fourfold division of our work is familiar by this time to almost every one interested in Christian work, our depart-

interested in Christian work, our depart-ments being physical, social, intellectual and religious. As an organization concerning the improvement of young men, we are not mere imitators of others in anything that contributes to this end; and we take a just pride in the fact that in regard to athletics in particular, our leaders long ago discerned what en-ginery was here for the pulling down of the strongholds of the destroyers of our youth. We hold that the authority for the strongholds of the destroyers of our youth. We hold that the authority for true athletics is nothing less than the scriptures, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Hely Ghost which is in you?" We do not need to discourse on the attraction athletics holds out to young men. They revel in their physical strength which is their glory. We provide for this, in our gymnasium, our baths, our ewimming pool, our bowling alleys, our ourings and bleycle club. We seek to effect not merely sound minds in sound bodies, but redeem souls in sound bodies, but redeem souls in sound bodies, both the Spirit of God shall delight to honor with his permanent presence, such bodies.

In our physical work, the department for the year just cloud, has been prosecuted with vigor. In the gymnasium, 273 classes were held, with a total attendance of 5,748; 268 more having engaged in general physical exercises apart from the discipline of the class; all under the direction of a skilled physical director. The bowling alleys have maintained their popularity to such a degree that it was at times found difficult to accommodate all with as much of an opportu-

tor. The bowling alleys have maintained their popularity to such a degree that it was at times found difficult to accommodate all with as much of an opportunity as they wanted, the privileges having been used by a total of 7,962 members. Of course there is less recourse here during the summer time, when young men naturally seek athletic exercise out-of-doors. At that eason of the year, our sports take the direction of bicycling runs and outings. During the summer a camping party was held for twelve days, and there were twenty-three excursions and outings. In our bailing department, within the building and distinct from the swimming pool, the total number of baths taken during the year, was 7,176. Despite our hopes and efforts the eminming pool during the year was little else than a source of annoyance and disappointment the entire time. The leak that developed after the pool was turned over to be used by the association, thwared every effort to repair it until the latter part of November, when the pool was completely overhauled and effectively repaired. To take a comfortable swim in cold weather, is

hauled and effectively repaired. To take a comfortable swim in cold weather, is a luxury indeed, and the pool having been put upon a sure basis, sprang into immediate popularity, use of the having been made by \$51 members in the thirty-one days it was open.

Physical exercise in some form is a necessity. To offer opportunities like these just referred to, which are under the direction of Christian control, and which sanctifies their use to the bodily health and vigor of enthusisstic young manhood, is only a part of the dividends declared by our board of directors, on the investments of the good people of this city. It is safe to leave to the reflecting minds of our people whether Christian. or not, to answer for themselves whether our work pays, even from the inferior point of thems?

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point of view of training our young men
into liabits of wholesome and innocent
recreation; but when the reflection gues
far enough to include the fact that all
this outlay is surrounded and fortified
with the highest influences for good,
surely all doubt should be at once removed, if our people are to esteem character as worth anything.

But we have so far only referred to the
physical department of our work. Young
men are social by nature, and we seekby all legitimate means to gratify that
very natural and proper element of their
being. More sanres lie along this way
than almost any other the feet of our
youth ever pursue. Meeting this demand, we have social gatherings and entertainments, of which during the year
twenty-eight were held. Most of them
were for young men only, but in some
both young men and young women were
included. The total attendance for the

year, upon our social enterprises, was 2,532. For the same purpose, we have a room set apart in which will be found various games of an innocent but entertaining character. They form quite an attraction to young men, many of whom would not seek admittance to our building but for that feature. At the building of our associal nature supplied with its needs in a wholesome and enjoyable manner, and though that be the only attraction that draws him there, he is within the circle of the association's influence. Does that pay? There can be but one answer, unless you are looking for dividends in cash and nothing else. But it is facts we have to deal with, things that are, and there is a things that are, and there is a vast throng of our young men who have no homes to stay in, only places. The association steps in at this point, and furnishes a place of attraction where a young man may meet in social concours

furnishes a place of attraction where a young man may meet in social concourse with other young men, and breathe the pure air of good eurroundings and pleasant results, that would but for the association privileges and enterprises, be spent under influences and at places that blemish the life.

But we are only half way up the ladder yet, there are still two more rounds to ascend, and the next one we come to is the intellectual nature of young men. We do not compete with the college or university, but we try to meet the real needs of young men whose educational advantages have been limited. We have had evening classes in mechanical drawing, arithmetic, book-keeping, penmanship, stenography, German and history. Of such classes 106 sessions have been held. In this connection we may mention the nine jectures and entertainments with an attendance of 2,800. Also we have a reading room supplied with current numbers of daily and weekly papers and magazines, both secular and religious. It is resorted to at all hours of the day and in the evenings. The character of our literature is wholesome and

and magazines, both secular and religious, It is resorted to at all hours of the day and in the evenings. The character of our literature 4s wholesome and standard, and the influence refining. Here also is another installment of dividends which are beyond the power of being expressed in cash terms.

So many allusions are made to sports, games and social life and entertainment, that there is risk of losing sight of the chief object of our labor. Having the one thing in aim and purpose, namely the reclaiming of our young men to the life of Christ, this one thing we do, and use other things only as they really aid in the accomplishment of the one result. That result now more directly appears in our religious meeting for young men the they was the present of the year. pears in our religious meeting for young men held the year round. A Bible class was in the very efficient charge of the Rev. J. H. Littell, and the special evan-gelistic services held during our association week of prayer in the month of November were conducted with much ac-ceptance by the Rev. R. R. Bigger. During the year, young men's meetings were held every Sunday afternoon but one. No better addresses have been heard in No better addresses have been heard in our city than were delivered at these meetings. Many a young man has taken the key-note of his life, from the melody of the truths there unfolded. So of the Saturday evening meetings, only one evening was missed throughout the year. The boys also were not overlooked. Of religious meetings there were held 175, with an attendance of 6,222. Fourteen young men professed conversion. This also is a part of the kind of dividends which we seek to earn for those who have put their money, interest, time and prayers into our peculiar work for young men. The church has better workers, or workers it would not have at all but for the efficiency of the association. May it be burned into your minds as in words of spiritual fire, that no man represents the spirit of the association who is disloyal to the church of Jesus Christ. This fact also goes to swell the dividends that constitute the peculiar, pay to our appreciative and sacrificing friends whose our city than were delivered at th constitute the peculiar pay to our ap-preciative and sacrificing friends whose purse strings unloose for and whose sympathy sustains our labors. They are satisfied it pays. But all the foregoing is the expression

of those to whom has been committed the responsibility of this work in your city. There are other sources of testimony however, from young men themselves who have come in contact with the influence and work of the association. The following expressions are taken from letters received from young men and on

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One writes: "The association has been of incatculable benefit to me. In the first place it was one of the instruments in bringing me to Christ and has been one of the most helpful ones in keeping me close to Him. I have been greatly benefitted by its physical trailing department; have made many pleasant and valuable acquaintances through the association. In fact it has been so much to me I could not tell the half of it."

Another writes: "The association is everything to me. I enjoy its spiritual, athletic and amusement features. Besides it is a good money investment. A young man can easily save more money by spending his evenings at the building than his membership will cost him."

Says a young physician: "I cannot refain from expressing myself in praise of the association. As a source of mental recreation I have found the games of much benefit. The bath, coupled now with the useful pool, is certainly all that may be required to invigorate after bodity fatigue."

Still another writes: "It is with pleas-

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ure that I testify to the spiritual work of the association. Through its influ-ence I was lead to Jesus Christ."

A book-keeper says: "The association has helped me very much in a physical, intellectual, spiritual and social way. My start in the spiritual life was made at the association; and I am very much indebted to it for my success so far, as a business and it.

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This is what another says: "Permit an active member to say that during the period of my membership in the association. I have gained a wider circle of acquaintances, received good physical and spiritual training and secured knowledge through the evening classes."

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A young business man testifies: "From the first day I became a member of the association it has been a pleasure and a benefit. My only regret is that I was not a ihember years ago."

A young clerk writes: "I can say-for the association that I round it outside the home, one of the best places at which a young man can spend his idle moments free from temptation."

Another says: "The reading room has afforded me a source of suuch pleasure, as have the lectures and entertalnments."

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One adds this word: "The Young Men's Christian Association is the best association a young man can join. I have been helped in mind and body, and

Nature makes the cures

Now and then she gets into a tight place and needs helping out.

Things get started in the wrong direction.

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phites can do just this. It strengthens the nerves, feeds famished tissues, and

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More might be added if thought de-sirable.

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Is it overshooting the mark to say that the Young Men's Christian Association is engaged in the most important work in the world, with the most important and influential class of persons in the world Earnest students of the problem, how to reach and save men, have been unanimous in the conclusion that it is the most serious and vital problem before the church. This is the problem to which the 6,437 individual organizations of the Young Men's Christian Association throughout the world, are giving their aid in connection with the church to solve. The association at large includes a vast membership. In our own country there are 1,429 progressive organizations that are true to their clearly defined principles, engaged in a practical work for the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual improvement of young men, such as no other organizations is doing. This work improvement of young men, such as no other organization is doing. This work calls for consummate tact, skill and energy. It is difficult but tremendously important and worthy the devotion, brain and life of any man. The enormal by the country of the consummate of important and worthy the devotion, brain and life of any man. The enormous investments in real estate owned by the association in this country, show the degree of confidence reposed in the work by practical, calculating men, the real estate being valued at \$19,05,000; besides which, the sum of over \$2,000,000 is every year placed at the disposal of these associations for current expenses. This work pays as well in the case of our local association, as it does elsewhere proportionately.

Our board of directors take advantage of the present opportunity to express on behalf of the entire association their appreciation of the very general interest taken in the work. From the press, the ministers and the people, we have received many tokens of good will. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of money received, but would express our regret that the friends of the work do not seem to be fully alive alive for

tions of money received, but would express our regret that the friends of the work do not seem to be fully alive to the extent of our financial needs. On the 33,000 indebtedness on our building, we have not been able to pay anything, and the year has closed besides with a deficit on current expenses. For the cutire year the expenses amounted to \$4,328,10. Of this sum \$818,37 was expended on necessary repairs and improvements upon the building. We received \$1,722.00 in membership fees, \$1,189,50 in subscriptions from members and friends, and the sum of \$617,10 from entertainments and all other sources. A comparison of the current expenses A comparison of the current expenses with some other associations in neigh

A comparison of the current expenses with some other associations in neighboring states will show that our local work is conducted with strict economy:

The expenses of the Springfield, Ohio, association last year amounted to \$6,343; of Youngstown, \$8,617; of Reading, Pa., \$4,942; Erie, \$5,159; Harrisburg, \$5,600; Germantown, \$8,000, and Wilkesbarre, \$8,887.

There are few associations that can show so large a work for so small an investment as ours. But in spite of the comparatively modest sum needed, the directors were obliged to borrow \$800 to pay all bills. This many-sided work for young men should not be allowed to become crippled for lack of financial support. There ought to be, and surely are, in our city, men and women who appreciate the kind of dividends we engage to repay, who can and will provide for this indebtedness as well as for the future needs of the association. In this confidence we enter upon the work of another year, our hopes high and our faith unwavering.

Mr. W. J. W. Cowden, of the board of directors, made an urgent plea for the Clearing off of the \$500 indebtedness, referred to by Secretary Lynch. The Y. M. C. A. was an institution whose worth could not be estimated. Fathers and mothers, business men and all citizers with the interests of their city at heart, should contribute toward this debt. Mr. Cowden spoke carnestly toward ruising the sum required, \$500, and asked the audience to contribute liberally.

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Evangelist Henry Ostrom spoke along the rame lines, while the ushers solicited subscriptions, and Mr. J. P. Hillis, who is assisting Mr. Ostrom at evangelistic services, sang a heautiful solo ed subscriptions, and Mr. J. P. Hillin, who is assisting Mr. Ostrom at evangelistic services, sang a beautiful solo.

Rev. N. S. Thomas next made an address. His principal theme was character. The word character, he said, is not found in the Bible, yet there is no word so all-embracing. Character is the important thing, and of all possessions the dying man will glory in his character. What a man believes and what he does affects him, but what he is will affect his Maker. A man may give alms, but it is the motive which prompts the giving that is the important act. And character is best built up, not by men shutting themselves in coisters of their homes, or of their business, but by buffeting the billows of the world. Efforts must be made to build up character, and habits are built up by repetition, thus in time the doing of good—the good habits—produce character; and the doing is better than the deed. Habit, however, affects character only indirectly, but it is the important factor, yet man's individual efforts cannot lag to reach the goal.

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Further in his remarks, Rev. Mr. Thomas paid tributes to the Y. M. C. A. and to the good work being done by Evangelist Ostrom. The success of the Y. M. C. A. could not be measured, he said. It did a great work for the churches. The churches made great efforts for the building up of character, and the Y. M. C. A. formed good habits for young men, assisting the churches immeasureably. Mr. Thomas closed in this strain quite effectively.

On account of the lateness of the hour, Mr. Ostrom made but a brief address during which he said many good things for the Y. M. C. A. The association, he said, was the bond of unity between the churches, and he hoped for the day of a great church unity. He also hoped for a great inter-denominational revival, a great religious awakening of the churches, hand in hand. He regretted that there is no Young Women's Christian Association, and trusted the young women of this city would organize a branch. He ilked the word Christian in the title of both associations, for while the gymnasium and the literary features of the Y. C. A. were grand things, the essential significance was shown in the word Christian. He would like to see the Y. M. C. Ar of Wheeling more aggressive, for this city was "wide-open" too much. The saloons and brothels should be rooted out of existence, and it could be done when polities were purified. Christianity must be instilled into business, for there is fust as much Christian ju nust also be instilled into business, for there is fust as much Christian ju nust ga zaw as singing a psalm under the proper conditions. Mr. Ostrom snoke in eloquent ing thed into business, for there is just as much Christianity in using a saw as singing a psulm under the proper conditions. Mr. Ostrom spoke in eloquent terms of the Y. M. C. A.'s work, and urged his audience to seek Christ.

The gathering was dismissed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Samuel Schwarm. A substantial collection was taken up.

### In Cierk Robertson's Office. On Saturday, In Clerk Robertson's of-

fice, John Rehm qualified as admin-Istrator of the estate of Charles Nolte, deceased; bond, \$200; Theodore Rehm,

deceased; bond, \$200; Theodore Rehm, surety.
W. J. W. Cowden qualified as administrator of the estate of John McAndrews, deceased; bond, \$6,000.
One deed was recorded:
Deed made January 3, 1888, by James Elwood Hughes, of Philadelphia, Pa., to Henry Schmulbach, for lot No. 8, and parts of lots Nos. 7 and 9, in A. G. Robinson's addition, on South Broadway, Consideration, \$3,500.

THE GOODS RECOVERED.

The goods stelen from the Gibson store at West Alexander Tuesday night have been about all recovered. The shoes, which were carried away in a grain sack, were found in the woods near D. T. Atkinson's home, near West Alexander. Alexander. SPECIAL Auction Sale of Haviland and Vienna China plates, dishes, cups, saucers and ornaments, on next Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings, at Ewing Bros.', 1215 Market street, Ladies are invited.

And Lessened by the Cold Snap Last at This Point.

Allegheny and Monongahela would bring mire water into this part of the upper Ohio valley than would prove convenient to residents in the lowlands. However, it now appears that the cold snap last night has cut down the rise considerably. On Saturday evening the stage was 17 feet 10 inches and stationary. During the night the river came up slowly, and at 5 p. m. on Sunday the marks showed 21 feet 1 inch. is 10 p. m. the stage was 21 feet, 9 inches, a rise of eight inches in four hours. Unless the rise early this morning comes faster, it is not expected the top-notch will be very high, and at all events the cold weather has come most opportunely and takes away the element of danger brought about by the rains of Saturday in the upper river country. onary. During the night the river er country.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23.-The river is rising slowly, but only about 17 feet are expected. All indications are against it going above this mark.

According to the above dispatch, the river at this point will not go above 27 feet, so there is no cause for alarm.

## THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Pittsburgh... BEN HUR, 5 a. m. Pittsburgh... KANAWHA, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh... KEYSTONE STATE 6 p. m. Cincinnati... VHGINIA, 8 a. m. Zanesville... LORENA, 2 a. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Parkersburg BEN HUR, 9 p. m. Sisteraville... RUTH, 3:39 p. m. Clarington... LEROY, 3:09 p. m. Stubenville...T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m. BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

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spector Chancellor, of the Seventh district, contains many things of interest to steamboat men. The report has not formally handed to the supervising inwere built during the year and twennage was almost the same as the pre

ty-three went out of service. The tonnage was almost the same as the previous year. The number of boilers inspected during the year 1857 was 161 at
Cincinnati; 141 at Gallipolis; 73 at
Wheeling, and 433 at Plittsburgh, making a total of 788. The list of officers of
vessels included 166 masters, 791 masters and pilots, 233 first class pilots, 23
second-class pilots, 794 chief engineers,
and 364 special and second engineers.
The total number of officers is, therefore, 2,259 in the district. On account of
violation of laws there were twentythree cases investigated, thriteen Ilcenses suspended, two licenses revoked
and six reported to the district attorney. Captain Chancellor closes his report by saying: "Too much praise can
not be accorded to the licensed officers
for their skill and carefulness in the
management of the steamers, as well as
to the local inspectors of the Seventh
district, for their intelligent and cflicient excution of the laws pertaining to
the steamboat inspection service." The
expenses of the office for the year were
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though she had a large amount of mis-cellaneous freight. She started away from the wharf with over six hundred tons of freight aboard and was draw-ing scant five feet of water. This is considered wonderful. She has over 1,200 barrels of molasses in her cargo.—Cin-cinnati Commercial-Tribune.

# River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 7 feet 8 inches and rising. Cloudy and cold; snowing and righ winds. WARREN-River 5 feet. Cloudy and

MORGANTOWN-River 17 feet and dsing. Cold and cloudy.

BROWNSVILLE—River 18 feet 9 inches and rising.
PITTSBURGH—River 14.6 feet and

rising at the dam. Clear and cold.
STEUBENVILLE—River 20 feet 3
Inches and rising. Cloudy and cold. Up -Ben Hur and Kanawha and Keysto

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### THE RISE CHECKED

The river and weather were topics of interest in Wheeling yesterday. It was feared that the rise coming out of the

CAPT. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT. The annual report of Supervising In

yot been made public, but has been spector general. Captain Chancellor, in making a summary of his report, uses the following figures: The number of steambonts inspected in the Cincinnati district was 66; in the Gallipolis district 85; Wheeling, 46; Pittsburgh, 153, making a total of 350. The tonnage of the steamers of the four districts is 15,927, 7,000, 4,792, and 26,932 respectively. In the entire district twenty-six steamers ty-three went out of service. The ton-

QUEEN CITY BREAKS A RECORD. The new Pittsburgh and Cincinnati packet, Queen City, broke another re-cord yesterday. She left the wharf on time last evening with the heaviest freight trip ever taken out of this city for Pittsburgh. The principal item of for Pittsburg... her freight was sugar and mousses, though she had a large amount of mis-though she had a large amount of mis-though she had a large amount of mis-



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closes March 10, 1898.

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Prizes for Photographs, \$145.—SENIOR CONTEST.—Fig.

First Prize S20: Second Prize S1: Lind

S10; Third Prize, \$5, for the best series of Comic Sketches

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ure Studies—First Prize, \$20; Second Prize, \$15. Land. scapes—First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$10, JUNIOR CON. TEST—Open to all subscribers of HARPER'S ROUND

TABLE who have not passed their eighteenth birthday— Figure Studies—First Prize, \$20; Second Prize, \$10; Third Prize, \$5. Landscapes—First Prize, \$10; Second Prize, \$6;

Third Prize, \$4. Marines—First Prize, \$10; Second Prize,

\$6; Third Prize, \$4.
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POSTMASTER WISE

Is Not Going to Paint the Town Red;

Former postmasters of Wheeling have

occasionally painted the town red-not

so in the case of Postmaster George

Wise; he's constituionally opposed to

such doings. When Uncle Sam's mail hoves became weather stained in the

past it was usual to give them a coat

past it was usual to give them a coat or two of the same old red paint. Recently, in Washington, D. C., and Pittsburgh, the boxes have been given the new regulation color, aluminum bronze, a striking color that gives the mail box quite a rise in social position above the fire alarm box and other ple-blar companions. Through the efforts

bian companions. Through the efforts of Postmaster Wise, Wheeling's 125 box-

es are to be painted the new color, and the work will be done by men from Washington within the ensuing two weeks. While this is being done, all of

the old style boxes, having the opening in the end, will be thrown aside, and re-placed by the new style box, having its opening at the top.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

On Saturday, before Judge Paull, in the case of Mary A. Monroe, vs. the

Wheeling Railway Company, there was

a writ of certiorari granted against Justice W. W. Rodgers, for a transcript

of the record.

In the case of Ada E. Delhl vs. W. J.
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